

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support the Lewis amendment. Senator Lewis' proposal, I think, is probably one way in which you can make this bill a palatable bill. I would like to assure my colleagues that if this proposal was to pass that I would be able to vote for 518. I would support that bill with guarded enthusiasm, but I can support that bill if this provision is added to it. If you're going to provide personal property tax relief, and the question there is a hard question to ask. I'm not sure that that is the thing that we ought to and need to do, but if we're going to do it, let's make sure that everyone benefits, that one section of the state, or one grouping of the state, those urban areas, are not totally left out in any of the benefits of this bill. Let's provide property tax relief for farm and business inventories. Let's provide the refunds and rebates since they're not going to have any relationship at all between what the actual costs are and what we're going to do, since a lot of this is going to go back on the property anyway let's provide this on a population basis. If you do that, you can accomplish this task and it will be a much fairer, more equitable distribution. Right now, the way the present formula is written, urban areas will pay \$2 for every one dollar that they receive back. That seems a little unfair. Even Senator Schmit, when he talks about the gratitude the urban areas ought to have for the agri business economy of those urban areas, forgets that it's the same argument we've used on state aid. That is the same argument we used on the gas tax, that is the same argument we used on other proposals to the counties. That argument has got to run dry pretty soon. We can't continually take \$2 from the urban area and give them back \$1 and call that fair based on the economy and based on those other things. When does that become a bit burdensome. I say that it's already become burdensome, and that Senator Schmit's arguments are not that valid or not that correct. I would hope the body would accept this amendment. I can assure you that I will vote for 518 if this amendment passed. This is one way in which we can gather some money and distribute it in such a way as it ought to be distributed. You can also gain some strength for the vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, if the good senators on the floor of this Legislature will look at the literature that I passed out to them last...one day this week, they will see that what Senator Schmit and some of the people have been saying is not true. I gave you exactly what percent of the sales tax, and what percent of the income tax, that was paid.... I want to talk about the moon. As a matter of fact, the moon sits in orbit around the Earth. The Earth sits in orbit around the Sun. The Sun sits in orbit around one of the bigger constellations of this universe of ours. You see, Mr. Speaker, as you notice what I've been talking about, there isn't anybody noticed any difference. They're not paying attention. Perhaps we have one of the best oiled bills that has ever come before this Legislature. They're not paying any attention to what is said on the floor of this Legislature. If this is a debating society, if this is a society of men that are going to listen to what are facts, then let's listen to what are facts, if we're not, if we're just going to sit here and do like we're doing, then go ahead and pass Senator Schmit's bill, and let them read the paper. Let them understand what they want to, and only hear what they want to hear. This is